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Letter dated 10 October 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the response by the Islamic Republic of Iran to the address made by the Vice-President of the Republic of Argentina, during the general debate at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 8.

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Remarks in response to the Vice-President of the Republic of Argentina during the general debate at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly

The Vice-President of the Republic of Argentina, during her address to the General Assembly on Wednesday, 20 September 2017, referenced a request made by Argentina to the Islamic Republic of Iran for cooperation in clarifying and shedding light on the 1994 bombing in Buenos Aires. In this regard, we would like to highlight the following points:

- The Islamic Republic of Iran unequivocally condemns all acts of terrorism committed by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes. By the same token, the Islamic Republic of Iran has always condemned the terrorist act of the bombing in Buenos Aires and expressed its sympathy with the families of the victims of the incident.
- The Islamic Republic of Iran has, time and again, rejected any involvement by any of its citizens in that terrorist act. We believe that by falsely accusing citizens of other countries, some officials of the Argentinean judiciary have tried to smokescreen their failure to track and punish the true perpetrators. Despite the fact that no credible evidence has been provided to indicate the involvement of any Iranian national in that terrorist act, Iran has been ready, as a sign of good will and in the hope that some light will be shed on this case, to cooperate with the Argentinean Government and judiciary to bring the perpetrators to justice. The memorandum of understanding signed between the two countries in January 2013 is proof of this approach. Unfortunately, the constructive approach taken by the Islamic Republic of Iran has not been duly reciprocated by Argentina.
- As justice has long been hindered in this case, while reaffirming its readiness to engage constructively with the Argentinean authorities, Iran hopes that they will concentrate their efforts on removing their internal obstacles on the path to putting this case on the right track.